MARVELS

WANTED
CANCELLED
"VKEYE"
AMAZING HOW FICKLE THE PUBLIC IS.
BUSINESS WEEK
NOT TWO MONTHS AFTER THE FANTASTIC FOUR WEDDING, AND IT SEEMED LIKE ALL THEY WANTED OUT OF THE MARVELS NOW WAS BLOOD.
SEN. BYRD SEZ IRON MAN BOTCHED WEAPONS TEST
Trial Run of Mini-Sub Goes Awry; Is Avenger to Blame?
Stark and the Countess: Is it for real this time?
HI, MISTER SHELDON -- IT'S HOLLY McCANN AT STARK INDUSTRIES AGAIN. GLAD I CAUGHT YOU IN.
I'D STILL LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ARRANGING A TOUR OF THE LONG ISLAND PLANT FOR YOU AND MISTER URICH --
BADGE?
ARMOR?
GAUNTLET?
SHIELD?!!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S A *GOOD IDEA*, MISS McCANN.

-- I CAN PROBABLY ARRANGE A PHOTO SHOOT WITH *IRON MAN HIMSELF*, IF THAT WOULD BE --

THANK YOU, MISS McCANN. I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU.

THIS IS *DEPRESSING*.

JONAH JAMESON HAD HIRED ME TO WORK WITH BEN URICH, ON A PIECE CALLED, "IS TONY STARK TRYING TO BUY RESPECT?"

HE WANTED IT HARD-HITTING. THOROUGH. UNCOMPROMISING.

I CAN SEE THE SALES OF MY BOOK *DROPPING* BEFORE MY EYES -- AND I HAVEN'T EVEN *FINISHED* IT YET.

RELAX, PHIL --

-- THE PUBLIC DOESN'T EVEN THINK OF IRON MAN AS *ONE OF* YOUR "MARVELS."

HE'S AN *EMPLOYEE*. AN ATHLETE.

HE JUST WEARS THE SUIT -- IT'S NOT LIKE HE *BUILT* IT.

BUSINESS WEEK

I GUESS...

DRIVING

SO WHAT WAS TONY STARK UP TO?

BACKING THE AVENGERS -- EMPLOYING IRON MAN --

-- AND HIP-DEEP IN SOME TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT THING THAT BEN COULDN'T GET WORD ONE ON.

HE WAS BUYING ATTENTION, AT LEAST.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR HIM, NOT ALL OF IT WAS GOOD.

BUGLE. *URICH* HERE.

WHAT?!

UPS-A-*DAISY*, PHIL! THE AVENGERS'VE BEEN DECLARED A *PUBLIC MENACE* --

-- WORD IS THE MAYOR'S ABOLIT TO ORDER THEM TO *DISBAND!*

FABULOUS.

I NEED THIS LIKE I NEED A *HOLE* IN MY HEAD.

IT'S *DORIS!*

WHICH ONE?

MRS. SHELDON. NOT MRS. *URICH.*

I'LL TALK TO HER WHEN I GET *HOME.* TELL HER I'LL BE LATE --

-- *AGAIN.*

AND NONE OF US -- NOT ONE OF US --

-- *SAW IT COMING.*

AVENGERS DAY

IT TURNED OUT THE AVENGERS WERE INNOCENT -- A COUPLE OF THEIR ENEMIES HAD FRAMED THEM, MADE IT LOOK LIKE THEY'D GONE BERSERK.

-- OFFER MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES TO OUR CITY'S NOBLE HEROES --

OR SO THEY SAID.

FIVE GETS YOU TEN STARK PAID OFF THE COPS.

SURE -- HE DOES THAT SORT OF STUFF ALL THE TIME.

BUT THEY'RE HEROES -- THEY WOULDN'T --

GET WISE, LADY! THEY'RE SIDESHOW FREAKS -- AN' WE'RE THE RUBES!

MATTERS DIDN'T IMPROVE FROM THERE...

IF TONY STARK WON'T ANSWER TO ME -- HE'LL ANSWER TO THE COURTS!

THE COUNTRY HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THE MASK OF IRON MAN!

PLAYBOY MAGNATE TONY STARK IS M.I.A. TODAY IN THE WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN STARK INDUSTRIES AND WASHINGTON.

CORPORATE SPOKESMEN SAY HE'S VANISHED --

BUT THIS REPORTER GUESSES THAT WHEREVER HE IS, IT INVOLVES CHAMPAGNE AND STARLETS!

-- ISSUED A SUBPOENA DIRECTING ANTHONY STARK TO APPEAR BEFORE SENATOR BYRD'S INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE --

-- OR BE JAILED FOR CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS.

AND WHEN SOMETHING POSITIVE *DID* SURFACE...

-- STRANGE, EGG-SHAPED MENACES SWIFTLY BROUGHT DOWN BY CRACK S.H.I.E.L.D. OPERATIVES --

-- ARMED WITH EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS DESIGNED BY INDUSTRIALIST TONY STARK --

WHA-A-AT?!

THE PENTAGON WOULDN'T SAY *BOO* TO ME A WEEK AGO! "SORRY, *NATIONAL SECURITY!*"

BUT STARK'S IN *TROUBLE* NOW -- SO ALL WE HEAR IS *S.H.I.E.L.D., S.H.I.E.L.D., S.H.I.E.L.D!*

OF ALL THE CALCULATING, *MANIPULATIVE* -- !

EASY, BEN. WE DON'T KNOW THERE'S A CONNECTION *FOR SURE...*

ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS WRITE THE TEXT FOR MY COLLECTION OF *PHOTOS* --

-- FINISH MY BOOK ON THE MARVELS BEFORE THE *BOTTOM* FELL OUT.

MISTER SHELDON --

MISS McCANN. *AGAIN.*

I WANTED TO *PERSONALLY* DELIVER THE LATEST PRESS RELEASES FROM THE *IRON MAN FOUNDATION.*

I THINK YOU'LL FIND SOME OF THE *CHARITY WORK* WE DO FASCINATING.

STARK INDUSTRIES

THE WHOLE THING LEFT A *BAD TASTE* IN MY MOUTH.

THE MARVELS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PURE. GLORIOUS.

NOT...SORDID.

HA! LOOK AT THE *HIPPO!*

HE COULD SWALLOW YOU UP *WHOLE,* BETHIE!

NO!

CAN'T YOU EVEN *PRETEND* YOU WANT TO BE HERE, PHIL?

THE GIRLS HAVE TALKED ABOUT NOTHING BUT THIS ALL *WEEK.*

I SHOULD BE *WORKING,* DORIS. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO -- !

WE NEVER *SEE* YOU ANY MORE, PHIL.

EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HOME, YOU'RE *CLOSED UP* IN YOUR STUDY...

SHE DIDN'T UNDER-STAND. I WAS DOING THIS FOR THEM --

-- MAKING SURE THERE WAS MEAT ON THE TABLE -- NEW SHOES FOR THE GIRLS --

EEEK!

MOMMY! DADDY!

WHAT -- ?!

THERE'S *WATER* COMING FROM EVERYWHERE!

SOMEBODY'S BATHTUB IS *OVERFLOWIN' BAD,* HUH?

IT WASN'T DEEP, BUT IT STRETCHED AS FAR AS WE COULD SEE -- !

I'VE GOT TO GO.

IT'LL BE WORSE IN THE *LOW-LYING* AREAS -- THERE'LL BE *EVACUATIONS* GOING ON --

NO, PHIL -- !

BUT THE PAPERS -- THEY'LL NEED *PICTURES*...

SO LET *SOMEBODY ELSE* TAKE THEM THIS TIME. YOU PROM-ISED THE GIRLS A *FAMILY* DAY --

-- AND I'M HOLDING YOU *TO* IT!

THIS IS BUT A *SIGN!* THE *END* IS COMING!

JUDGMENT DAY! I HAVE PROOF!

THERE SHALL BE *THREE SIGNS,* AND THIS IS THE *FIRST!*

THREE SIGNS AND THEN THE *APOCALYPSE!* THREE SIGNS, AND *JUDGMENT DAY!*

THE END IS COMING! *THREE SIGNS!*

H-HE'S *SCARY*, DADDY!

ARE THEY GONNA SHOOT *MISSILES?* TOMMY FEENEY AT SCHOOL SAID WE WERE ALL GONNA GET KILLED BY *MISSILES*...

DON'T GET SCARED, KID -- IT'S THE *AVENGERS!* LISTEN...

-- BROADCAST ON THE AVENGERS' *PRIORITY CHANNEL*. WE'LL PLAY THE TAPE NOW.

"ATTENTION, COAST GUARD -- THIS IS **HAWKEYE!** THE RISING TIDES ARE ARTIFICIAL! A CRUMB NAMED **ATTUMA'S** BEHIND 'EM --

"-- AND WE'RE OFF TO PUT THE **KIBOSH** ON 'IM! HAWKEYE OUT!"

THANKS, PAL.

YOU SEE, GIRLS? NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. THE AVENGERS CAN *HANDLE* IT!

AND THE AVENGERS *DID* HANDLE IT.

WE HUDDLED AROUND THE RADIO. LISTENING TO REPORTS FROM **PILOTS** FLYING OVER THE AREA -- **SHIPS** CAUGHT IN THE CURRENTS --

-- AND FINALLY A TERSE SUMMARY FROM **CAPTAIN AMERICA** HIMSELF.

BUT WHEN IT WAS OVER...

THERE IS NO HOPE IN THE *SUPER- BEINGS* -- THEY SHALL NOT STAND AGAINST THE *APOCALYPSE!*

YEA, IT SHALL BE THE SUPER- BEINGS WHO *USHER IN* THE END --

PUT A LID ON IT!

ISN'T THERE *ENOUGH* IN THIS WORLD TO FRIGHTEN LITTLE GIRLS?! YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO MAKING THEM SCARED OF *HEROES* ON TOP OF IT ALL!

BUT -- THE APOCALYPSE --

JUDGMENT DAY!

JERK!

AND I'VE GOT *NOTHING!* WHO WANTS TO BUY PICTURES OF A *DAMP ZOO?!*

*IRON MAN AND THE AVENGERS WEREN'T THE **ONLY** MARVELS GETTING BAD PRESS, EITHER.*

*FOR A WHILE, IT SEEMED LIKE TROUBLE WAS **EVERYWHERE.***

SOMEBODY CALL THE *COPS!* SPIDER-MAN *ATTACKED* JONAH JAMESON!

HE'S *RUNNING OFF* -- HE'S SCARED!

HE *CAN'T* BE HUMAN -- AND DO *THAT!*

THIS *PROVES* IT! HE'S A MENACE -- JUST LIKE I'VE ALWAYS *SAID!*

*-- MAJOR BATTLE BETWEEN THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** AND A **LARGE, MONSTROUS CREATURE** CAUSED TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND WIDESPREAD **PROPERTY DAMAGE** IN MIDTOWN TODAY --*

OFF THE STREETS! REPEAT RETURN TO YOUR HOMES AND STAY OFF THE STREETS!

THE HULK IS ATTACKING THE WHITE HOUSE! SEEK COVER IMMEDIATELY!

THE TIMES

HALF-NAKED SAVAGE CAPTURED ON BRITISH COAST

Daredevil Accused of Murder

PHIL! DINNER!

EAT WITHOUT ME. HONEY -- I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS HERE!

PHIL

I'LL BE OUT AS SOON AS I CAN!

MY PHOTOS SHOWED HEROES -- BUT WERE THEY ACCURATE?

ATOMIC POWER HAD BEEN A SHINING MIRACLE ONCE, TOO -- BEFORE THE COLD WAR. BEFORE IT BECAME SOMETHING TO FEAR.

WERE WE MISJUDGING THE MARVELS --

-- OR WERE WE SIMPLY STARTING TO SEE THEM FOR WHAT THEY *REALLY* WERE?

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK.

AND THEN...

..ON THE DAY BEN AND I WERE FINALLY ABOUT TO COMPLETE THE *STARK* PIECE

I THINK THEY SHOULD *OUTLAW* THEM. HOW DO I KNOW I WON'T BE CROSS NG THE STREET SOME DAY --

AND *WHAM*, THEY KNOCK A BUILDING DOWN RIGHT ON ME?!

THERE OUGHT TO BE *REGULATIONS*, AT LEAST. KEEP IT OUT OF THE *CITY* -- !

WHAT S - ?

WH -- WHAT'S *HAPPENING* -- ?

IT'S AN *ATTACK* -- THE RUSSIANS!

-- GOT TO BE A *TRICK* -

-- WE'LL BURN *ALIVE* --

PLEASE -- NO --

THE STREETS WERE MADNESS -- I FORCED MY WAY THROUGH TO THE BUGLE BUILDING --

I KNOW IT'S HAPPENING WORLDWIDE! BUT WHAT *IS* IT?

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY *HEAT* -- !

THEY'RE LAUNCHING PROBES FROM CAPE CITADEL IN *FIVE MINUTES!*

-- COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION FOR THE BIZARRE VISUAL PHENOMENON.

OFFICIALS ARE STRESSING, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NOT REAL FLAME, BUT SOME KIND OF OPTICAL --

BULLETIN

THE FIRE IN THE SKY VANISHED AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS IT HAD APPEARED. BUT WE COULD TELL -- WHATEVER IT WAS --

-- IT WASNT OVER.

LOOK--!

WHAT WAS IT THE MAN AT THE ZOO SAID?

THEY'LL FALL--!

IT'S GOTTA BE ANOTHER A' THEM *ILLUSIONS...*

WHAT'S GOING *ON?* WHAT'S *HAPPENING* TO US?!

I CAN'T STAND IT--!

THREE SIGNS.

THE WATER, THE FIRE, AND NOW THIS. THREE SIGNS --

-- AND THEN JUDGMENT DAY.

WHO IN -- ?!

WHAT -- WHAT DOES IT *WANT* HERE -- ?

LOOK! IT'S THE TORCH!

HE'LL TAKE CARE A THAT SHINY FREAK!

GET 'IM, TORCH!

YEAH!

THE SILVERY FIGURE FLASHED BY THE TORCH, AND YOU COULD ALMOST HEAR THE CITY GASP.

IT WAS OUT OF OUR HANDS.

WE WERE ONLY THE AUDIENCE AGAIN --

-- AND WE HAD NO SAY IN WHAT-EVER WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.

THE THING SLUGGED HIM!

IS THAT IT? ONE PUNCH?

UH-OH! AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OUT AT LA GUARDIA REPORTS SOME-THING MOV.NG IN THE SKY--!

TELEX FROM N.A.S.A! WHATEVER IT IS -- -- IT'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE--!

MAYBE IT'S THE AVENGERS.

THE AVENGERS OUGHT TO BE COMING, R.GHT? RIGHT?

MY JOURNEY HAS ENDED!

THIS PLANET SHALL SUSTAIN ME UNTIL IT HAS BEEN DRAINED OF ALL ELEMENTAL LIFE!

SO SPEAKS GALACTUS!

WHAT DID HE - ?

HE'S GOING TO DESTROY US ALL!

THE F.F. -- THEY WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN! THEY CAN'T -- !

HUH? THERE'S ANOTHER GUY THERE! A B.G BALD GUY -- ?

THEY GOT T.V. CAMERAS ON THIS -- LET'S FIND A T.V!

YOU GO IF YOU WANT!

LOOK! THE F.F. --

-- THEY'RE ATTACKING!

WHAT ARE THEY DOIN? I CAN'T SEE!

THE TORCH -- HE'S GOING INSIDE!

THEY LOST -- !

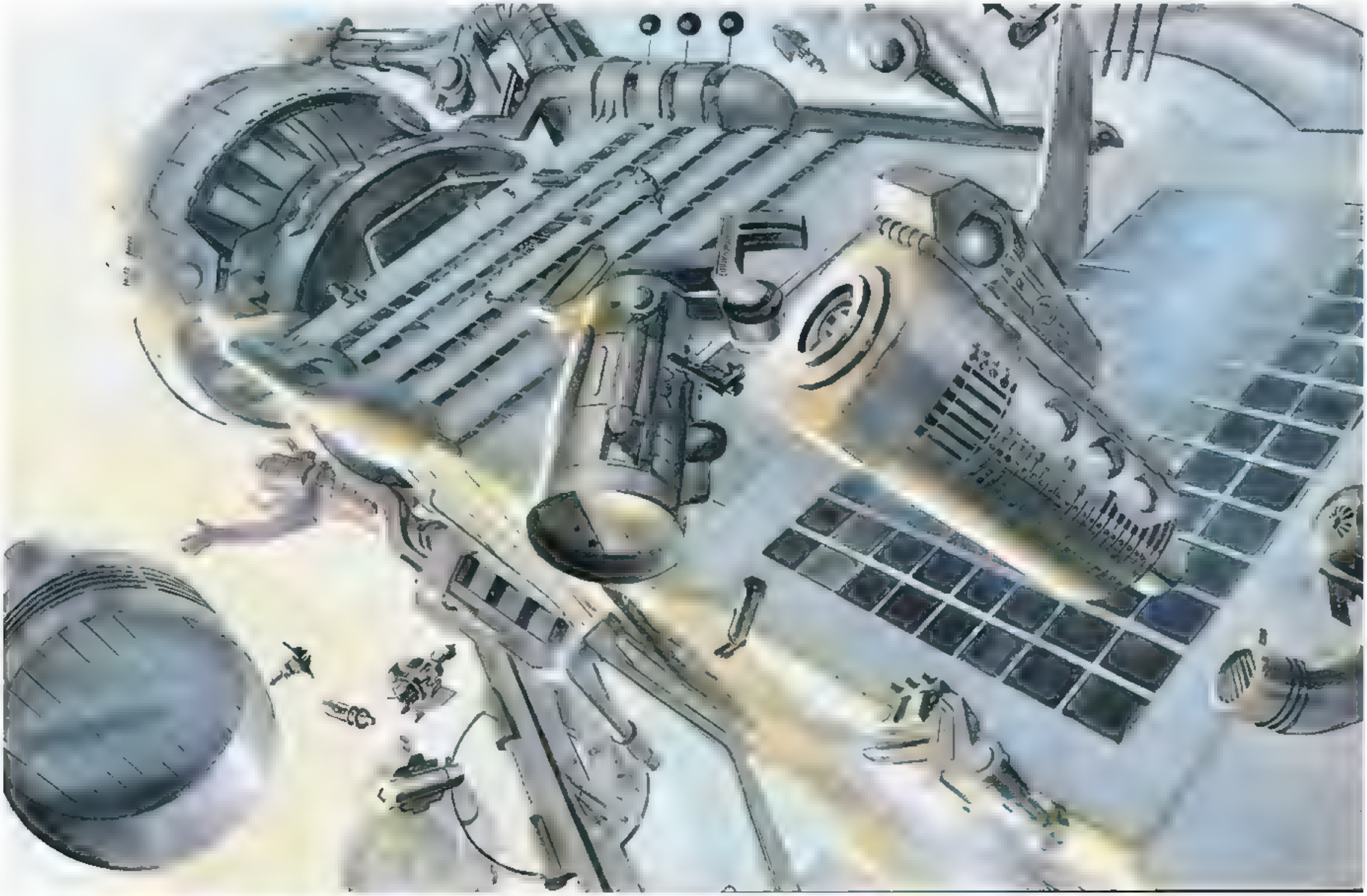
THEY LOST

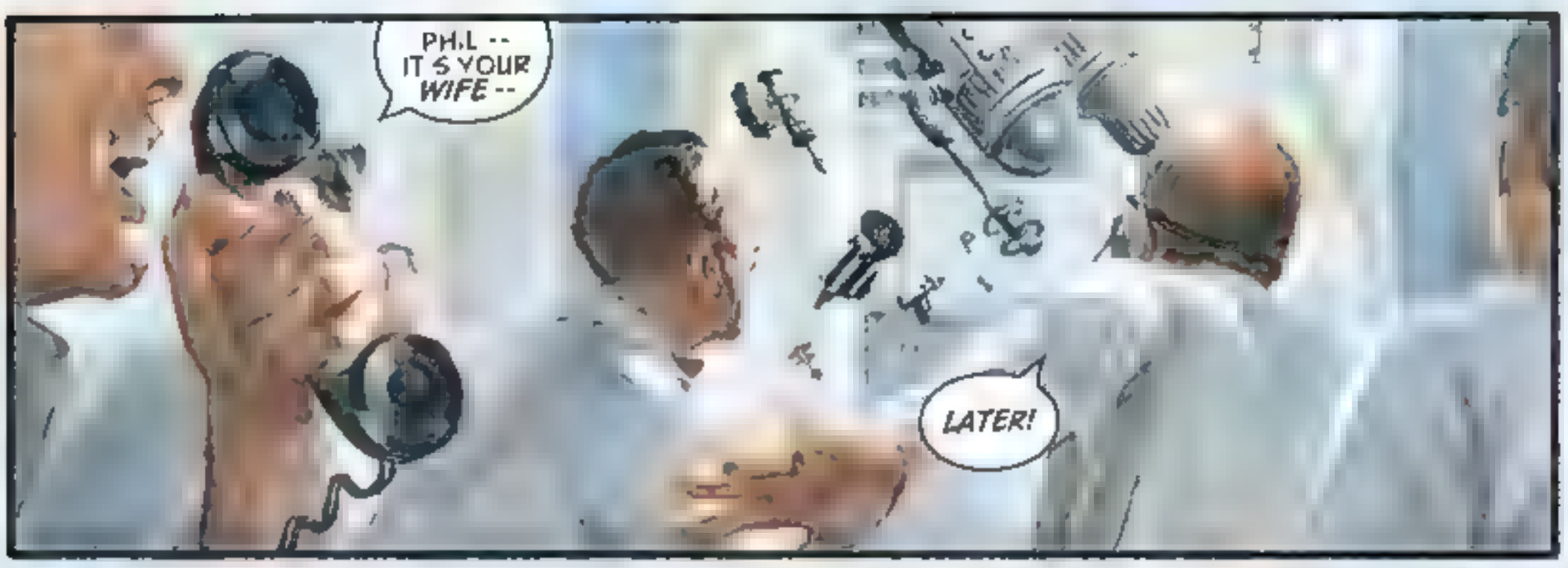
THAT'S WHEN IT STARTED TO SINK IN. I THINK.

FOR ALL OF US.

WHAT --

-- HAPPENS NOW?

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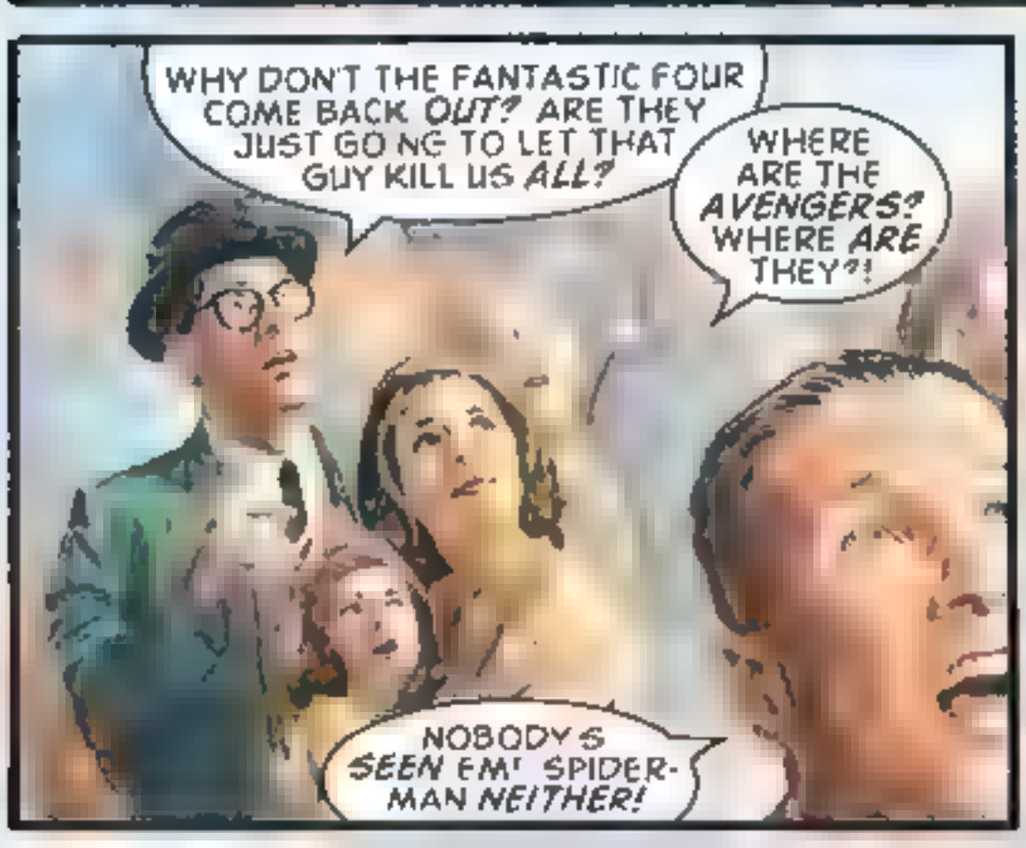
WHY DON'T THE FANTASTIC FOUR COME BACK OUT? ARE THEY JUST GO NG TO LET THAT GUY KILL US ALL?
WHERE ARE THE AVENGERS? WHERE ARE THEY?!
NOBODY S SEEN EM! SPIDER-MAN NEITHER!

IT'S ALL OVER..

ONCE THE INITIAL SHOCK WAS OVER. WE STARTED TO MOVE
WE WERE NEWSMEN, AFTER ALL
THERE WERE FACTS TO BE CHECKED. REPORTS TO BE TAKEN DOWN. COMMUNI-CATIONS TO BE SET UP
WE NEEDED CAM-ERAS IN POSITION. EYEWITNESSES. IT WAS OUR JOB.
IT WAS SOMETHING TO DO.

H-HE'S -- HE S --

THIS IS WHERE WE ALL *BUY THE FARM* -- !

HUH?

NOTHING HAPPENED?

BUT --

LOOK! ON TOP OF THAT *BIG DOME GIZMO* --

"-- *THE THING!*"

GO! GO!

OH, PLEASE -- !

BUT --

I WAS AT THE HEART OF IT ALL. WHAT I COULDN'T SEE WITH MY OWN EYES, I COULD HEAR IN THE BUZZ AROUND ME --

HE AIN'T FALLIN'! HE AIN'T FALLIN'!

-- PEOPLE FLEEING THE CITY, HOPING THAT WOULD SAVE THEM --

-- THE PRESIDENT'S REACTION, MINUTE BY MINUTE --

AND THEN --

-- I DIDN'T SEE THE POINT ANY MORE. WHO CARED ABOUT TOMORROW'S MORNING EDITION?

ODDS WERE THERE WASN'T GOING TO BE ONE.

IF THIS WAS REALLY THE END --

-- I KNEW WHERE I WANTED TO BE.

NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO RUN THE **TRAINS** -- AND THE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS WERE **CHOKED** WITH ABANDONED CARS.

I LEFT MY CAB AT THE MIDTOWN TUNNEL AND STARTED **WALKING.**

THERE WAS SOME LOOTING, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS THERE HAD BEEN DURING THE MUTANT RIOTS.

PEOPLE WERENT ANGRY THIS TIME

THEY -- WE - WERE **SCARED.**

I SAW FACES I KNEW BUT HAD NO NAMES FOR. PEOPLE WHO'D BEEN CIPHERS ALL MY LIFE, SUDDENLY INDIVIDUALS.

-- ARMORED GIANT HAS VANISHED FROM SIGHT, BOB! WHETHER HE'S BEEN ENCASED IN THAT STRANGE MATERIAL --

-- OR BLASTED TO ATOMS BY THE SILVER CREATURE'S ATTACK --

WHICH SIDE IS HE ON? I THOUGHT HE WAS WITH THE PURPLE GUY!

THEY'LL GET H M THEY'LL GET H M THEY'LL GET H.M...

SCHOOL SCHOOL THERE'S NO SCHOOL THERE S NO CLAS SES, THERE'S NO RULES

WE CAN PLAY AND WATCH T.V. NO HOME-WORK FOR YOU AND ME!

ISS TH' END A' THE WORRRL'!

WHERZZA PRETZELS?!

GOTTA HAVE A PARTY AT TH' END A' TH' WORL'!

HEY, EVVABUDDY! ISS TH' END A' THE WORRRL'!

I'M A SINNER!

OH, LORD! TAKE IT -- TAKE IT ALL!

FORGIVE ME EVERYONE --!

I'M A SINNER...

-- GIANT EXPLOSIONS, BUT IT'S ALMOST AS IF THE CREATURE IS SURFING ON THE SHOCKWAVES --

JUST FIND CAPTAIN AMERICA.

THEY FIND CAPTAN AMERICA. THIS ALL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT.

I SEEN THE MAN FIGHT ONE TIME

HE'LL STRAIGHTEN IT OUT -- I SEEN HIM

JUST FIND THE MAN.

AND THEN IT WAS QUIET.

NO ONE AROUND. THEY WERE ALL INSIDE -- OR GONE.

WAS THIS WHAT IT WAS GOING TO BE LIKE?

SILENCE AND EMPTINESS -- FOREVER?

AND THEN --

-- IT ENDED.

NEWS

-- REPEAT, THERE IS NO FURTHER CAUSE FOR ALARM! THE CREATURE CALLED GALACTUS HAS VANISHED!

WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT OUR N.T.N. NEWS CAMERAS HAVE CAPTURED A SERIES OF STARTLING IMAGES --

NEWS

-- WE'LL SHOW THEM FOR YOU NOW.

REED RICHARDS, ALSO KNOWN AS MISTER FANTASTIC, HELD UP A SMALL DEVICE, WHICH WE SEE PICTURED HERE --

-- AND IT SEEMED TO CAUSE THE GIANT CREATURE GREAT CONCERN!

AFTER A MOMENT, RICHARDS GAVE THE GIANT THE DEVICE --

THEY PLAYED THE TAPES OVER AND OVER.

NOBODY REALLY KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING --

-- BUT WE KNEW WHAT IT MEANT.

-- A REAL NAIL-BITER, FOLKS -- A TRIPLE RED-ALERT SQUEAKER!

BUT IT'S OVER NOW.

IT'S OVER.

THE SENSE OF RELIEF WAS IMMEASURABLE.

WE KNEW -- THE WHOLE WORLD KNEW -- THAT WE WERE ON THE BRINK OF COMPLETE AND UTTER DESTRUCTION --

-- AND WHAT'S MORE --

-- WE KNEW IT WAS THE FANTASTIC FOUR WHO SAVED US ALL.

YOU WOULD HAVE EXPECTED OUR GRATITUDE TO LAST FOREVER.

YOU WOULD HAVE EXPECTED US TO CANONIZE THE FANTASTIC FOUR --

-- TO RAISE STATUES IN THEIR HONOR --

-- NAME BRIDGES AND MOUNTAINS AFTER THEM AND INVITE THEM TO DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

AT LEAST, I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT.

SILLY ME.

DAILY BU

THE PICTURE NEWSPAPER

FINAL

PUBLISHER CALLS GALACTUS HOAX

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R COMMENT

GOLIATH RETURNS TO THE AVENGERS

Famed Super-Team Trapped Outside City During Crisis

INSTEAD OF TICKER-TAPE PARADES, WE GOT DOUBTS -- ACCUSATIONS -- INNUENDO.

WHY HADN'T THEY ACTED SOONER?

COULD THEY PROVE THE WORLD WAS IN DANGER?

REPORTS CAME IN OF A MOROSE, SURLY THING, WANDERING THE BACK ALLEYS OF THE CITY, FRIGHTENING PEOPLE.

AND WHO COULD BLAME HIM?

BIG THANKS HE GOT.

I CALL 'EM AS I SEE 'EM, PHIL -- I ALWAYS HAVE! YOU KNOW THAT!

BUT --

MISTER JAMESON!

PARKER! WHAT'VE YOU GOT FOR ME?

PICTURES OF SPIDER-MAN FIGHTING THAT LOOTER CHARACTER! YOU'LL LOVE 'EM --

-- THEY MAKE OL' SPIDEY LOOK TERRIBLE!

MISTER SHELDON ..?

FABULOUS! PERFECT!

NOW THERE'S UNBIASED JOURNALISM IN ACTION FOR YOU!

IF I WERE SPIDER-MAN, I'D BEAT THE STUFFING OUT OF THAT LITTLE WEASEL!

PHIL -- YOU HEAR THE NEWS?

SENATOR BYRD WENT AHEAD AND CANCELED ALL OF STARK'S DEFENSE CONTRACTS.

S.I.'S EXPECTED TO START ANNOUNCING PLANT CLOSINGS BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

GOOD! THAT'LL TEACH THAT UPPITY IRON MAN TO SAVE LIVES -- !

OTHER THAN THE FACT THE OBIT COLUMN'S A LOT SHORTER THAN IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN?

WHAT IS IT?

THE WHOLE CITY SEEMED EMBARRASSED SOMEHOW -- ASHAMED OF THEIR TERROR, NOW THAT IT HAD PASSED AND THEY WERE STILL ALIVE.

AND THEY WERE TAKING IT OUT ON THE MARVELS, DENYING WHAT HAD HAPPENED --

BAR

THE MASTHEAD RESTAURANT AND BAR

-- AND BLAMING THE MARVELS FOR THE FEAR THEY'D FELT.

THE MASTHEAD RESTAURANT AND BAR

NICE TOWN, HUH?

THIS IS GREAT, DADDY!

ICE CREAM!

IT IS NICE, PHIL.

AND IT WAS WONDERFUL OF MISTER JAMESON TO GIVE US A TOUR OF THE OFFICES. WASN'T IT, JENNY?

PHIL!

WE'RE ON THE FIRST FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!

COUNT NEFARIA'S IMPRISONED THE WHOLE CITY -- AND THE X-MEN WERE SPOTTED FIGHTING HIM!

PHIL -- ?

I REALLY DO HAVE TO GO, DORIS. BUT I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- AND WE'LL MAKE THAT VISIT TO YOUR FOLKS.

TRUST ME -- I'M NOT GOING TO FORGET WHAT'S IMPORTANT. NOT AGAIN.

GOT A CAB OVER *HERE*, PHIL.

DID YOU *HEAR* -- ?

MUTANTS. ALL THE *TIME* WITH THOSE --

-- HAVE TO *BOTHER* US, ANYWAY? CAN'T THEY JUST KEEP TO --

-- OUGHT TO PUT THOSE X-MEN IN *JAIL* AS A LESSON TO --

YOU PEOPLE!

WHAT DO YOU *NEED* --

-- THE WORLD TO ACTUALLY *END?*

ARE YOU SO BUSY *DIGGING FOR GARBAGE* YOU CAN'T EVEN ADMIT TO *YOURSELVES* THAT YOU'RE GRATEFUL?

LOOK *UP*, WHY DON'T YOU --

-- LOOK UP FOR ONCE IN YOUR *LIVES* -- !

End of BOOK THREE